

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:392

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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN WATER MANAGEMENT

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to allow private sector partnership in water management and project planning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the benefits likely to accrue therefrom; and
- (c) the details of the works and projects approved and completed under research and Development programmes for water management and project-planning during the last three years alongwith the amount sanctioned therefor, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 392 FOR REPLY ON 21.04.2008 REGARDING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN WATER MANAGEMENT.

(a) & (b): The National Water Policy, 2002 states that 'Private sector participation should be encouraged in planning, development and management of water resources projects for diverse uses, wherever feasible. Private sector participation may help in introducing innovative ideas, generating financial resources and introducing corporate management and improving service efficiency and accountability to users.' Water being a state subject, all related activities are undertaken by the respective State Governments.

(c) Various activities related to water resources sector including research and development activities are undertaken by the respective State Governments. However, Ministry of Water Resources promotes research in the area of water resources development and management. The premier research organisations of Ministry of Water Resources i.e. Central Water and Power Research Station, Central Soil and Materials Research Station and National Institute of Hydrology undertake research in specific areas. Ministry of Water Resources also provides assistance to various academic and research institutions for undertaking research in water sector.

The details of the research schemes approved by the Ministry of Water Resources during the last three years and completed in the last three years (since 01.04.2005) are at Annexure -I.

The Ministry of Water Resources initiated 5000 Farmer's Participatory Action Research Programmes at a cost of about Rs.24.47 crore throughout the country with the help of Agricultural Universities, Institutes of Indian Council for Agricultural Research, International Crop Research institute for Semi-Arid Tropics and Water & Land Management Institutes and other similar institutes with a view to increase yield and income per drop of water. The above said 5000 programmes are to be implemented by 60 institutes throughout the country. Institute wise details of sanctioned amount and funds released are given in Annexure-II. So far, an amount of about Rs. 13.12 crore has been released.